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During called CCBOE meeting last Thursday evening

## Robinson employed as new ZC principal

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education approved the employment of a new principal for Zion Chapel School during a called meeting Thursday evening, May 26, at the board of education office.

Jared Robinson was employed via a Probationary Principal Contract to be the new principal for Zion Chapel. Most recently, he had been employed with the Coffee County School System as an assistant principal at New Brockton Elementary School. Prior to that he was a teacher/coach at Zion Chapel School.

Robinson replaces Matt Barton at the Zion Chapel helm. Barton recently was employed as the student services supervisor for the school system, with that job set to begin July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also, during the meeting last Thursday evening, board members approved several other personnel matters recommended by Superintendent Kelly Cobb.

Regarding certificated personnel, the board accepted the resignation of Emily Harrison, special education teacher at New Brockton High School, effective

May 27<sup>th</sup>, voted to employ Lauren Hutto as a teacher at New Brockton Middle School and Linsey Stinson as a teacher at Zion Chapel — both for the upcoming school year; approved the transfer of Margery Zimmerman from seventh grade teacher at New Brockton High School to

teacher at New Brockton Middle School for the upcoming school year; and approved catastrophic leave for Megan Blair, teacher at New Brockton Elementary School [beginning Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, ten-

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Jared Robinson will serve as the principal of Zion Chapel Schools for the upcoming school year. Prior to being named the new principal for ZC during last week's called Coffee County BOE meeting, Robinson was serving as vice principal at New Brockton Elementary.



**SPLASH PAD IS OPEN IN ELBA!** The thrills and squeals that come each summer with the Splash Pad in Elba returned last week as the Elba Parks and Recreation opened the aquatic attraction for the 2022 season. With sunny days and warm temperatures, the Splash Pad already has been a favorite spot for families. On Tuesday afternoon, several youngsters were found playing in the water while others sat in the shade enjoying a snack. The Splash Pad, located in downtown Elba at Tiger Town Park, is open each Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and each Sunday from 1 - 8 p.m. It is closed on Mondays for routine maintenance. There is no charge to enjoy the Elba Splash Pad.

## Elba City Schools to provide summer meals

Elba City Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Elba Elementary School will provide meals June 6, 2022 - June 30, 2022 (Monday-Thursday)

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**Elba City Council votes to bid two roadway repair projects**

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, May 23, council members discussed two separate road issues that need addressing.

A portion of Putnum Street has been closed for a couple of months now due to erosion underneath that roadway where drainage pipes allow storm waters to flow. Another city street, Woodland Drive now too is experiencing erosion issues at a drainage pipe as well.

Following lengthy discussions of each and reviewing repair cost estimates pro-

### June 6 - 30, 2022 Meal Schedule:

Meals will be provided, at a first come, first serve basis, at the sites and times as follows:

#### Breakfast:

7:30 am-8:00 am  
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145 Tiger Drive, Elba

#### Lunch:

11:00 am -12:00 pm  
Elba Elementary School,  
145 Tiger Drive, Elba

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## Portion of U.S. Hwy. 84 in Elba to be named after Senator Jimmy Holley

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox announced during the May 23rd Elba City Council meeting that a special ceremony is planned for Sunday, June 12, at 2 p.m. to name a portion of U.S. Highway 84 in Elba after retiring State Senator Jimmy Holley.

This ceremony will be held in the parking lot of the Shoppes at Taylor Crossing (along the new Hwy 84). Following the road naming ceremony, friends of Senator Holley are invited to a reception at the Elba Country Club.

vided by the city engineer, council members voted during this meeting to put these projects out for bid to be able to determine what direction needs to be taken to make necessary repairs.

A concern of several Woodland Drive residents in attendance for the meeting was the ability for them to be able to come and go during repair work, and most especially, the ability for emergency vehicles to be able to access the homes should there be an emergency during the time the repair work is underway.

Woodland Drive is a dead-end street with a cul de sac at the end of that road. Some of the concerned citizens indicated they would not be in favor of utilizing golf carts to get to and from their homes during the construction work [they noted this would require traveling through wooded areas on private property land]. Instead, the citizens encouraged council members to try and find a way to keep at least one lane of the roadway open during the repair

work for their safety and convenience.

With each project, city officials believe ARPA [American Rescue Plan Act] funds can be utilized to make the necessary repairs to these roadways, making them safe for traffic again.

The city engineer did recommend the projects be bid together to possibly be more attractive to contractors interested in the work.

During city clerk Sally Bane's report to council members, councilman Gappa Wise asked where the sewer project is regarding completion. This project went past its approved contract completion date several months ago, and the contractor has been paying liquidated damages of \$500 per day since that time.

Bane said the project remains in liquidated damages with no "close date" set yet. She said the contractor had not reached substantially complete with the project as of the council meeting.

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Elba's Sandy Williams (center), ACCE, receives her ACCE designation from 2022 Chair Crystal Brown (l) and Paige Hutto, CCAA president and CEO (r).

## Elba's Sandy Williams receives Alabama Accredited Chamber Executive Distinction award from CCAA

The Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama (CCAA) announced Tuesday, May 24, that two Alabama chamber professionals had received the Alabama Accredited Chamber Executive Distinction (AACE).

Those receiving the AACE were Sandy B. Williams, APR, CMP, AACE, from the Elba Chamber of Commerce; and Pam-mie Jimmar, IOM, ACCE, from the Greater Limestone County Chamber of Commerce.

The announcement was made at the recently held CCAA Executive Leadership Conference in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

CCAA established the Alabama Accredited Chamber Executive Program (AACE) to recognize the professional competence of chamber of commerce executives in the state of Alabama. The AACE designation is based on the experience, service to CCAA, training, continuing education, and professional achievement of CCAA members.

The AACE award is intended to strengthen the career development objectives of CCAA and provide personal recognition to chamber professionals in

Alabama.

"Sandy and Pam-mie are to be commended for receiving this prestigious distinction," said Crystal Brown, president and CEO of the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce and 2022 CCAA Chairwoman of the Board. "They most certainly represent the highest standards in our profession."

Paige G. Hutto, president and CEO of CCAA, said, "These local chamber leaders are a true testament to the chamber profession."

She added, "The accreditation process is very rigorous and highlights that each recipient is truly the 'best of the best' across our state. The commitment shown by each person that receives the Alabama Accredited Chamber Executive distinction shows their continued commitment to professional development and the overall success of their local chamber of commerce and our collective state association."

Since its beginning in 1937 as the Alabama Association of Commercial Organizations, what is now known as the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama has remained dedicated to advancing the goal that chambers

of commerce are the premier local business advocate in the State of Alabama. In conjunction with the Business Council of Alabama (BCA), a non-partisan organization, the two groups, through the BCA/CCAA Partnership represent the interests and concerns of over 1 million working Alabamians every day.

## Elba Police make drug-related arrest

According to Coffee County Jail records, Elba Police arrested Dawn Doak, age 30, of Elba, on Sunday, May 29, and she faces drug-related charges.

Doak was booked as an inmate at the Coffee County Jail at 1:22 a.m. Sunday morning. The charges she faces include possession of a controlled substance (\$10,000 bond), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia (\$5,000 bond). She also faces a misdemeanor failure to appear charge (\$500 bond).

Doak remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.



## Area Happenings

**THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY BOARD**, in Elba, will meet Thursday, June 2, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

**THE ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** will hold its regular monthly board meeting for June on Thursday, June 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office.



## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."* — Babe Ruth

Gasoline prices are through the roof with no signs of receding. Politics being what they are, Washington leaders are being blamed for the worldwide jump in prices. The D.C. folks are due a bunch of criticism, as was the last bunch, the bunch before them, etc., but the oil issue is bigger than that. It has been over 60 years since a new oil refinery opened in the U.S.! Think back and see how many different Washington crowds you can blame for that . . . if any.

"Research from the Babraham Institute (Cambridge, England) has developed a method to 'time jump' human skin cells by 30 years, turning back the aging clock for cells without losing their specialized function. Work by researchers in the Institute's Epigenetics research program has been able to partly restore the function of older cells, as well as rejuvenating the molecular measures of biological age. The research was published April 7, 2022 in the journal eLife and while at an early stage of exploration, it could revolutionize regenerative medicine." Our immediate reaction was, "Hey make me be in my early 50s again!" but then second thoughts arose and the question being pondered is, "Do I really want to be 50 again?" Anyway this is a long way from being a prescription at the local drug store but experts think the methods being used can be expanded to work on the APBA2 gene, associated with Alzheimer's disease, and the MAF gene with a role in the development of cataracts, both showed changes towards youthful levels of transcription. Maybe this will be fully developed in time to help our children – if not, then our grandchildren.

Early last week, it was reported the U.S. Army naming commission recommending "renaming" Ft. Rucker to Fort Novosel. Ft. Rucker is one of nine U.S. military installations that were named in commemoration of the Confederacy. The name changing is another effort to be politically correct. Nothing is yet cast in stone but thousands of alternate names have already been discarded so things are getting much closer to a final decision. The late Michael Novosel Sr. is a Medal of Honor recipient that "retired" in Enterprise. He served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

This latest mass killing event in a Texas elementary school is of course tragic. None of us know why this teenage boy would kill two teachers and nineteen children and wound a bunch more students. Social media erupted with countless unfounded rumors that make us wonder who thinks up all these stories – and why? One of the first to gain a footing on the gossip line was that this event was racial (most of the kids were Latino). The truth is the shooter was himself an American citizen of Latino heritage. Unfortunately, however this column will not make a dent in the rumor mill. Often the truth is too dull to survive in that atmosphere.

We got our second COVID booster shot last week. Experts disagree on promoting this booster shot. They think more attention should be on getting EVERYONE the first set of shots. We don't disagree with their ideas but "looking out for me" kicked in and we didn't want to take the chance of being the 'oops' guy on this issue.

### U.S. Senator Tuberville honors some of Alabama's fallen heroes for Memorial Day

U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) recognized five of Alabama's fallen soldiers and their families in honor of Memorial Day.

The stories shared are those of Officer Marsha Ratchford from Prichard, Sergeant Elbert Phillips from Huntsville, Sergeant Jason Jordan from Elba, Private James Joshua Jr. from Gadsden, and Private Thomas Staggs from Birmingham.

The video of his remarks can be viewed on YouTube by searching "Senator Tuberville Honors Alabama's Fallen He-

roes for Memorial Day. Below are some of Tuberville's remarks...

"The first stanza of our National Anthem ends: 'O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?' We sing this part as a triumphant declaration, but if you read the lyrics of the Star Spangled Banner, the sentence actually ends with a question mark. Francis Scott Key intended this line to be sung as a question rather than a statement. That's fitting because while our freedom may [seem]

concrete, hate and evil threaten the security of our freedom from one generation to the next."

"Over the years, our national anthem took on a feeling of confidence and assurance, rather than uncertainty. And that's thanks to the millions of men and women who bravely answered the call to serve. Many soldiers lost their lives to give us the security we all enjoy, and the assurance we are proud of. That is what we keep in our hearts and on our minds as we honor the fallen on this Memorial Day."

"Throughout the course of our nation's history, our freedom has been protected by those who stood toe to toe with hate and evil, endured sleepless nights on the battlefield, rough days at sea, harsh conditions in the desert, [and] years living in far corners of the globe, so that we as Americans can sleep peacefully in the comfort and security of our home."

"It is impossible to speak of Gold Star families without mentioning the parents who are robbed of the joy of seeing their children grow up and have families of their own. Danny Jordan, from Elba, Alabama, is one such Gold Star parent. Danny's son, U.S. Army Sergeant Jason Jordan of the 101st Airborne Division, was killed in the Iraqi village of Tallifar on the night of July 20, 2003, when his Humvee was attacked by rocket-propelled grenades."

"These are the stories of Americans who gave their lives for freedom's cause—mothers, brothers, sisters, and sons who became heroes to all of us... These heroes lived lives of impact, driven by a desire to serve their country at any cost. We tell their story to keep their memory alive and ensure their sacrifices are never, never forgotten."

"And as long as there are brave men and women like those I've mentioned today, we can continue to sing the national anthem, not with a question mark, but with a declaration that we are the 'land of the free and the home of the brave.'"

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, May 24, 2022, and Monday, May 30, 2022, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, May 24** – Civil complaint reported at 435 Reese Ave (8:06 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Taylor Mill Rd (9:41 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 895 Old Samson Rd (10:15 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on County Rd 263 (2:40 p.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (5:52 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Neil Grantham Dr (6:31 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 992 Hwy 203, Suite 1 (9:54 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in an arrest.

**Wednesday, May 25** – Grass/Woods fire reported on Herman Driggers Dr (3:08 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1825 County Rd 505 (8:05 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (2:09 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 622 Newton St (3:00 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 661 E Davis St (7:20 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 997 Winston Ave (9:59 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in five citations, and one verbal warning.

**Thursday, May 26** – Suspicious vehicle reported on Buford St (9:35 a.m.); Theft of services reported at 895 Old Samson Rd (10:03 a.m.); Theft by deception reported at 429 N Claxton Ave (12:54 p.m.); Assault reported on the Troy Hwy (2:15 p.m.); Harassment reported at 595 Newton St (6:01 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1014 County Rd 513 (7:00 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 595 Newton St (10:30 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in five citations, and two written warnings.

**Friday, May 27** – Trespassing reported at 775

N Claxton Ave (5:56 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 2345 Hickman Ave (8:02 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 509 N Claxton Ave (8:57 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1134 Pinecove Dr (9:53 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1556 Gray St (10:54 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1546 Gray St (11:21 a.m.) Animal complaint reported at 3319 County Rd 201 (12:10 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Tiger Town Apts (2:51 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 595 Newton St (4:21 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 804 Hwy 203 (9:30 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 822 Roosevelt Dr (10:30 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Tiger Town Apts (11:13 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one citation, one no action, one verbal warning, and one arrest.

**Saturday, May 28** – Criminal mischief reported at 645 Lee St (12:23 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 494 Newton St (12:50 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 3641 Hwy 189, Kinston (1:32 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (1:56 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1231 Ann St (2:49 p.m.); Found property reported at 804 Hwy 203 (4:35 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 622 Newton St (4:58 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at Reese Ave and Guyton St (6:51 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 203 and Davis St – an arrest was made (10:51 p.m.).

**Sunday, May 29** – Suspicious person reported at 412 N Claxton Ave – an arrest was made (12:45 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1134 Pinecove Dr (6:44 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1231 Ann

St (9:20 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (9:04 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 997 Winston Ave (10:25 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two citations, and one written warning.

**Monday, May 30** – Reckless driver reported at 1005 Elm Ave (12:16 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1006 Payne St (1:17 a.m.); Structure fire reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (4:34 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Old Samson Rd and Davis St (10:37 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Brunson Circle / Bridge – an arrest was made (11:42 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one written warning, and one assistance rendered.



Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister headed out over the weekend on a "day trip" and chose to ride in Lou Lou's Jeep, affectionately called the Lou 2! Well...affectionately called that by Lou Lou, not so much by Sister, especially if riding at night now!

With no rain in the forecast for the beautiful Saturday, Lou Lou decided they would take the trip with the top off Lou 2. Knowing this would cause her hair to "fly everywhere" Sister was prepared and brought along a cap to wear for the trip. She also realized they would most likely be returning home to Yonder after dark, so, she packed a lightweight jacket and a throw to cover up with in case she got cool.

The ride to the destination, which was the beach, on this Saturday was pretty successful. There were the times when they would stop for a traffic light or stop sign (or even in backed up traffic since it was a holiday weekend), and Sister would make mention that it was kind of "hot" with no wind blowing, but, overall, she seemed to enjoy the ride.

Lou Lou, on the other hand, was in Jeep heaven for the ride.

The ride home Saturday night was a totally different experience, however!

Sister went ahead and put on her jacket and wrapped herself in her throw cover before the two even departed the beach area. She just knew this was going to be a "cold" ride home.

Lou Lou agreed the ride home would be a bit more chilly, and she too had a wind-jacket to put on for a little extra comfort, and it

worked very well!

The two had not even made it 10 miles down the road before Sister was exclaiming, "I am freezing! This is horrible!"

Lou Lou just laughed as Sister was covered from head to toe over in the passenger seat. At one point, Sister's throw got "loose" and she was quite the sight as she tried to reign the cover back in and get it secured around her once more. Lou grabbed one side and tucked it securely by the seat.

Soon, Sister was covered once again, only to be heard from time to time as she groaned about how cold she was traveling with no top at night!

Lou Lou tried to calm her by making sure the heat was blowing to help curtail the cool air, but that did nothing to help Sister and her misery.

The two made it home safe and not frozen, although that will not be the story Sister tells when she gives her version of this tale!

Lou Lou looks forward to many more trips much like it in Lou 2, but Sister insists that they need to at least have the top on the Jeep so it can be let down at night to protect her preciousness from the cold, night air!

Who knew the one that is always claiming to be "hot" at night at home would be so sensitive to the night air when traveling 55 mph down the roadway! Oh well...maybe next time the new top for Lou 2 will be installed and both Lou Lou and Sister can enjoy the ride in Jeep heaven!

It's one step at a time with Sister...

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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**CCMGA PRACTICES AIR LAYERING TECHNIQUE...** Jacques Hawkins (far left), President-Elect of the Coffee County Master Gardener Association, recently attended the 2022 Alabama Master Gardener Association Annual Conference and Business Meeting held at the Embassy Suites, Montgomery, Ala. One of the workshops that was given by Master Gardener's Rhona Watson and Jane Mobley was on "How to Air Layer Camellias." Hawkins spoke on the techniques they used for air layering and Ed Speigner (fifth from left), President of CCMGA, assisted members in hands-on of stripping a horizontal branch and then demonstrated how to use root hormone, how to wrap the moss around the stripped limb and how to wrap the moss to ensure air layering occurs. Air layering is a method of propagation, which results in the clone of a plant. Plants that are hard to propagate by seed starting or taking cuttings may be successfully propagated by air layering, which gives you a much larger plant. Shown in photo (from left) Hawkins; Dawn Stirling-Smith; Vanessa Allen; Janine Coles; Steigner; Wanda Maddox; Jim Coles; Maggie Sickler; Georgia Fleming; and Coffee County Regional Extension Agent Megan Jones.

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Council member Jane Brunson asked what kind of feedback the city is receiving from the contractor, and Bane said their response is, "we are working as hard as we can."

Also, during her report, Bane said the city's website

was down. As of this week, the city has a new website address at: [www.elbaal.gov](http://www.elbaal.gov)

The next regular meeting for the Elba City Council will be Monday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m., at Elba City Hall. These meetings are open to the public.

## ADPH provides information regarding infant formula shortages

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program realizes the challenges that many families are facing with the current nationwide infant formula shortages. ADPH WIC is working daily to address this issue in Alabama.

ADPH WIC's infant formula rebate contract is with Mead Johnson Nutritionals. Due to formula shortages nationwide, ADPH WIC is allowing flexibilities with some infant formulas, to include varying the forms (powder, concentrate, ready to use) and sizes issued to WIC families. WIC is allowing store returns and exchanges. ADPH WIC is in regular communication with Mead Johnson, and the company is working with distribution centers supplying Alabama retailers to keep WIC-specific products on the shelf. WIC is monitoring daily formula redemptions and has not seen a change in the redemptions for WIC recipients, at this time.

All families with infants, whether WIC participants or not, should discuss formula questions with their infant's healthcare provider. Infant formulas can generally be found at retailers across the state to include small stores, larger chain stores, grocery stores, pharmacies and convenience stores. Other potential sources of formula include healthcare provider sample stock, food banks and other community groups with a vested interest in families.

Families can also contact

manufacturers directly for help in finding formula:

- MyGerber Baby Expert: [www.gerber.com/mygerber-baby-expert](http://www.gerber.com/mygerber-baby-expert)

- Abbott's Customer Service: 1-877-4Abbott or 1-800-986-8540 (recall-specific information)

- Abbott's product request line and form for metabolic formulas: 1-800-553-7042

- Reckitt's (Mead Johnson) Customer Service: 1-800-BABY-123 (222-9123)

Chief Medical Officer and pediatrician Dr. Karen Landers agrees that parents need to direct formula and nutritional questions to their medical providers. Landers states, "Diluting formula, making your own formula, and using formula not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration can cause your baby to become sick. Many families are able to safely feed their babies another formula when their usual formula is not in stock."

Expectant mothers are encouraged to consider breastfeeding as a great source of nutrition for your baby. According to Pam Galloway, Nutrition Services Director for Alabama's WIC Program, "Human breast milk has specific immunity properties that are unavailable in infant formula, is easier for babies to digest than cow's milk, and is protective against childhood illnesses, including asthma, ear and respiratory infections, and allergies. Breastfed infants also have lower lifetime risk for some health conditions, such as obesity and cardiovascular disease. Women who breastfeed for at least six months reduce their risk for Type II diabetes, breast cancer, and ovarian cancer. And the longer during her lifetime that a woman breastfeeds, the greater her

**Announced at the Elba City Council meeting...**  
**There will be a Juneteenth Celebration**  
**Thursday, June 16, at the Elba Splash Pad.**  
**More details to Come!**

protection is against these diseases."

WIC realizes that these are stressful times and support is needed when choosing to breastfeed. Support for breastfeeding mothers is available through local healthcare facilities, community groups, and online groups. Support for WIC participants is provided through Alabama's WIC clinics located in county health departments and other private local agencies across the state.

To learn more about Alabama's WIC program, please visit [www.alabamapublichealth.gov/wic](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/wic).

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**Talking to Your Kids About National Tragedies**

Our nation has come together, unified too often, in grief after tragic events such as in Uvalde, Odessa, El Paso, Dayton, Parkland, Orlando, Sandy Hook, Las Vegas and the list goes on. And while we as a country continue to mourn, many of us have children both young and old who may be asking difficult questions. Here are a few tips on how to talk to your kids after a national tragedy.

First, know that many schools often host grief counselors for their students after a national tragedy. This is a great first step for students to bring up their concerns, fears and thoughts after such events. If you have a counselor or therapist that already works with you and your family, encourage that as a safe and productive place for your children to work through any anxieties they may have after a tragic event.

Address your child's fears with patience. If they saw a story online or heard a news story, be patient and know that there are likely many questions your child may have. Don't be afraid to limit news coverage in the home for a little while; continuing to see the same story over and over again may be distressing to younger children. Older children and teens are often connected to the world via smartphones and social media: let them know that if they see something that upsets them or worries them that it is something that can be talked about openly.

Go over a safety plan with your children. Many kids from as young as elementary school have cell phones. Encourage them to call law enforcement if they feel something is wrong or if they are in danger. Ask your children to re-familiarize themselves with their schools lockdown procedures: knowing their exits and options can save lives.

In these trying times, know that we stand with you and your family. For more grief support resources - feel free to stop by our funeral home - we are here for you.

*If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net)*  
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# Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

## EDNA MAE MOBLEY

Mrs. Edna Mae Mobley, age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, May 28, 2022, at her daughter's home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 1,

2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, at 3 p.m., with Rev. Paul Nelson and Rev. Will Spivey officiating. Burial followed in the Haw Hill Assembly of God Church Cemetery. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 2-3 p.m.

Mrs. Mobley was preceded in death by her husband: Jullian Marlin Mobley; father: Casper Flowers, and mother: Dessie Ree Flowers; along with sis-

ters: Ruby Nell Kelley and Doris Flowers.

Survivors include her daughters: Shelia (Paul) Nelson, Elba, Sandra Scott, Troy, Ala., and Sharon (Dan) Romero, Loxahatchee, Fla.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

## SHIRLEY ANN BULLARD

Mrs. Shirley Ann Bullard, age 86, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at her residence.

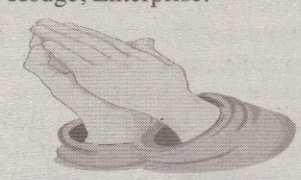
A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 31,

2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Min. Greg Hanchey officiating.



She was preceded in death by her parents: Louie Roscoe & Bertha Taylor Brooks; husband: Bill Bullard; daughter: Sharon Phillips; sisters: Mildred Deese, Hazel Brown, Jean Johnson, and Jeanette Brooks; and brother: Bill Brooks.

Survivors include her son: John Timothy "Tim" Bullard, Coffee Springs, Ala.; grandsons: Chris (Julie) Hodge, Enterprise, Ala., Ladon Daniels; great-granddaughters: Peyton Hodge, Wicksburg, Ala., Charli Hodge, and Ella Hodge, Enterprise; and great-grandson: Brooks Hodge, Enterprise.



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tatively].

As for classified personnel, the board approved two matters recommended by the superintendent. Jessie Jacobs was non-renewed as a CNP worker at Zion Chapel School, effective immediately; and the resignation of Josh Harrison as a teacher aide at New Brockton High School, effective May 26, was approved.

Prior to adjourning, Superintendent Cobb noted the "Spotlight Teacher" for the quarter for Coffee County Schools was Scott Crosby, a teacher/coach at Kinston, and the "Spotlight Support Employee" for the quarter was School Resource Officer

Stacey Austin at New Brockton Elementary School.

Cobb also noted the graduation ceremonies for the county schools had gone very well, and she extended congratulations to all the graduates.

She further extended a thanks to the teachers, administrators and support staff from all the schools for "sticking together this year and getting through the trying times."

Board president Brian McLeod noted the next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education would be Thursday, June 9, at 5:30 p.m.

## USDA will allow producers to request voluntary termination of conservation reserve program contract

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will allow Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants who are in the final year of their CRP contract to request voluntary termination of their CRP contract following the end of the primary nesting season for fiscal year 2022. Participants approved for this one-time, voluntary termination will not have to repay rental payments, a flexibility implemented this year to help mitigate the global food supply challenges caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and other factors. Today, USDA also announced additional flexibilities for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

"Putin's unjustified invasion of Ukraine has cut off a critical source of wheat, corn, barley, oilseeds, and cooking oil, and we've

heard from many producers who want to better understand their options to help respond to global food needs," said Clifton Warren USDA's Farm Service Agency State Executive Director in Alabama. "This announcement will help producers make informed decisions about land use and conservation options."

FSA is mailing letters to producers with expiring acres that detail this flexibility and share other options, such as re-enrolling sensitive acres in the CRP Continuous sign-up and considering growing organic crops. Producers will be asked to make the request for voluntary termination in writing through their local USDA Service Center.

If approved for voluntary termination, preparations

can occur after the conclusion of the primary nesting season. Producers will then be able to hay, graze, begin land preparation activities and plant a fall-seeded crop before October 1, 2022. For land in colder climates, this flexibility may allow for better establishment of a winter wheat crop or better prepare the land for spring planting.

## Organic Considerations

Since CRP land typically does not have a recent history of pesticide or herbicide application, USDA is encouraging producers to consider organic production. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial

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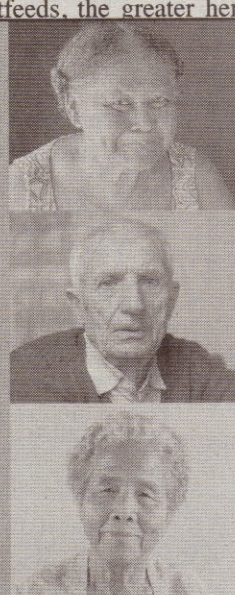
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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Ken Wilson, Pastor

Westside Baptist Church, Elba

### Hometown

I grew up at 823 Canterbury Drive in Bessemer, Alabama, which is located in the central part of the state. Of course, it's not the location but what it means that really matters. I remember Pop (my grandfather) taking us up to the top of the 19<sup>th</sup> Street hill (we called it the "tippy top"), and he would park the car and point out all the landmarks in Bessemer. The water tower next to the hospital, the steeples on the First Baptist and the First Presbyterian churches, the town clock and the tree growing on top of the reality building.

Pop was proud of Bessemer, although it wasn't his hometown. He was originally from Madisonville, Kentucky, but had made his home in Bessemer as a young man. I guess the old saying that "home is where your heart is" was true for Pop, because his heart was definitely in Bessemer. As he would show me all the places he considered important, I would feel the pride rise in my spirit. This city was my city, and somehow I knew it would always be a part of who I was.

Today when I go back and visit my hometown, I like to go up on 19<sup>th</sup> street hill and look down over the city again. Many of the people and places have changed, but most of those landmarks are still there. I may not feel like I am a part of that city anymore, but it will always be a part of me.

I wonder if that's how Jesus felt about Nazareth when He said "no prophet is accepted in his hometown." (Luke 4:24) He had to have fond memories of the town where he grew up. There's no doubt that Nazareth shaped a little of who He was as a boy. He probably thought about Nazareth quite often. Perhaps when he cried over Jerusalem Nazareth was on his mind also. That's the great thing about a hometown; it is always just a memory away.

## Church Anniversary celebration set for June 5 at Harris Temple COGIC

Harris Temple Church of God In Christ will celebrate its Church Anniversary on Sunday, June 5, at 3 p.m. is located at 747 Adams Ave., Elba. All are invited to help celebrate the church's anniversary.

## Upcoming VBS dates provided by Coffee County Baptist Association:

Ino Baptist Church - June 5 - 5:00-8:00 PM  
 Damascus Baptist Church - June 5-8, 2022  
 Zion Chapel Baptist Church - June 5-9, 2022  
 New Hope Baptist Church - June 5-9, 2022  
 Calvary Baptist Church - June 5-9, 2022  
 First Baptist Enterprise - June 6-8, 2022  
 Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church - June 10-12, 2022  
 County Line Baptist Church - June 11, 2022  
 Basin Baptist Church - June 12-16, 2022  
 Church on Boll Weevil Circle - June 12-15, 2022  
 New Home Baptist Church - June 12-17, 2022  
 Hillcrest Baptist Church - June 13-17, 2022  
 Hebron Baptist Church - June 24-26, 2022  
 First Baptist Elba - June 26-29, 2022  
 Goodman Baptist Church - June 26-30, 2022  
 Grace Place Church - July 10-14, 2022  
 Lee Street Baptist Church - July 11-15, 2022  
 Bethany Baptist Church - July 17-21, 2022

## VBS set for June 27-30 at Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church is planning an exciting "SPARK" Vacation Bible School from June 27th through June 30th, 6-8 p.m. nightly.

Those desiring to pre-register may e-mail admin. ssistant@gnzmchurch.org; call the church at 334

8978-5545; register at <https://forms.office.com/r/L7pY7KhRht>; Snap the QR Code, which will lead to the registration form.

Pre-registration is not required.

The church is located at 720 Davis Street East, Elba, AL <[www.gnzmchurch.org](http://www.gnzmchurch.org)>

## Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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**Scripture:** My teaching is not mine, but His who sent me. [John 7:16] Jesus' teaching came directly from God.

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Subway Employees, Ariana E. Kelley, Rev. Fred Flowers, Alice Musgrove, Johnnie McBride, Robert Reynolds, Emmanuel Staldworth, Glen Gray, Betty Moore

### May / June Birthdays

Shawna Hill Gulley 5/29  
 Sophie Caldwell Berry 5/29  
 Jamell Siler Daniels 5/30  
 Nadean B. White 5/31  
 Curry Jones 5/31  
 Charveha Williams Watson 6/1  
 Rev. Timothy Williams 6/1  
 Jean Waters Trocman 6/1  
 Ariel Malai Hutchinson 6/2  
 Angel Whitfield 6/2

### It's Revival Time...Come Worship With Us!

Greater Bethel AME Church, 950 Harper Drive, Elba, Ala., will host a "One Night Only" Revival Service on Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m. The guest challenger will be Elder James Starks Jr., pastor of New Glorious Church of God In Christ.

### Does Your Faith Show?

When election campaigns heat up, pay attention to how candidates talk to and about their opponents. If the typical patten occurs, candidates appearing together will shake hands and exchange smiles. But, then they will launch into vicious attacks on the other's positions - and sometimes their persons! U.S. Presidential campaigns serve as examples. When two candidates are together in social settings, they appear fairly civil toward one another. However, their debates are characterized by scathing attacks on each other's integrity more than by a serious discussion of the issues that face the nation at the time. People may disagree over

whether the behavior of political candidates merely reflect the divided (and divisive) temperament of the nation, or, on the other hand, fuel it. There is probably truth on both sides of that argument.

Regardless, the question for us as Christians is whether our own attitudes and behavior are any better than those of the world at large. Are we hypocritical? Do we hate what is evil and hold fast what is good? Are we patient with those who disagree with us? Whatever the situation, whether in persona interactions with Christians or unbelievers, or in those tense moments that sometimes occur in the fellowship of the church, do we exhibit a godly spirit? - C.R.B.

### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the week of 6/2/2022

Multiple Choice

Q: Jonah was called to preach in what great city? (Babylon, Nineveh, Jerusalem)

A: Nineveh [Jonah 3:2]

Q: The great city in which Jonah preached was prophesied to be destroyed in how many days? (666, 40, 3)

A: 40 Days [Jonah 3:4]

### Thought to Remember

Jesus is Lord

A Christian is one who makes a choice and experiences a change

The Lord's table is first a test then a testimony

### Questions for the Week of 6/9/2022

True or False

Q: In the book of 1<sup>st</sup> King, Obadiah feared being killed if he announced Ahab's presence to Elijah.

Q: In the book of Lamentations, because of the punishment of the Judeans their dancing had turned into mourning.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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As healthcare professionals, it is up to you to ensure your patients remain up to date with their vaccines.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) recommend the following vaccines for adolescents:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis
- Human papillomavirus
- Meningococcal disease
- Influenza

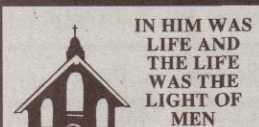


For more information, please visit [alabamapublichealth.gov/imm](http://alabamapublichealth.gov/imm)



IN REMEMBRANCE...Leo Brown and Joe Harris put out flags on the gravesite of veterans in honor of Memorial Day last weekend at the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, located on County Rd. 514 in Coffee County.

# Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Harry Driggers, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Service...6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School...9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class...6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School...9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train...5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship...6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor

Church Service...9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship...11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night...7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor

Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship...10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal...5:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer...6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School...9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening...5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School...10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study...6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister

Bible Study...9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.

Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor

Sunday School...10:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship...5:00 p.m.

Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night...6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night...7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School...9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.

Even. Service...6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service...6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School...9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.

Even. Services...5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service...6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor

Sunday School...9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.

Even. Services...6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School...9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Service...6:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Service...6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School...10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School...9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adeock, Pastor

Sunday Morning...10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening...5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School...9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study...7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST

Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School...10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overseers - Billy Berry

Sat. Service...6:00 p.m.

Sun. Service...10:00 a.m.

Even. Service...4:00 p.m.



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CLOSING DATE: June 3, 2022



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# PUBLIC NOTICES:

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IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
MYRTIE M. STRENGTH  
Deceased

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT OF  
COFFEE COUNTY,  
ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION  
CASE NO: PC 2022-033

NOTICE OF FILING OF  
PETITION

A Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate of said deceased having been filed by the unsigned on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 before the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.  
/s/ Kathy T. Bragg  
Petitioner

/s/ Matt Brunson  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
5/19,26&6-2-pd

IN THE MATTER OF  
RONALD ALVIN SHIVER  
Deceased

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT OF  
COFFEE COUNTY,  
ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION  
CASE NO: PC 2022-034

NOTICE OF  
PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.  
/s/ Jeremy Cade Shiver and  
Amber Shiver Colbert  
Personal Representatives  
5-19,26&6-2-pd

IN THE MATTER OF  
RUBY JEANETTE  
HARDY  
Deceased

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT OF  
COFFEE COUNTY,  
ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION  
CASE NO: PC 2022-031

NOTICE OF  
PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Billy Hardy on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.  
Billy Hardy  
Personal Representative

Matt Brunson  
Attorney for the Estate  
5-19,26&6-2-pd

**COMPLETION NOTICE**  
Hilton Cooper Contracting, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the Coffee County Water Authority for the Hwy 134 Ino Water Main Relocation Project. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on Thursday, May 26, 2022, and ending Thursday, June 16, 2022. All claims should be filed with Hilton Cooper Contracting 3293 Hwy 30 Clayton, AL 36016. No claims will be considered 30 days after last date of publication.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN RE: The Estate of Clifton Carter, Deceased**  
Case No. PC 2022-040  
5/26, 6/2,9&16-chg.

## COMPLETION NOTICE

Hilton Cooper Contracting, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the Water Works and Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton for the Hwy 134 Ino Water Main Relocation Project. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on Thursday, May 26, 2022, and ending Thursday, June 16, 2022. All claims should be filed with Hilton Cooper Contracting 3293 Hwy 30 Clayton, AL 36016. No claims will be considered 30 days after last date of publication.

**Hilton Cooper Contracting, Inc.**  
5/26, 6/2,9&16-chg.

## LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Diversified General Contractors LLC, Contractor has completed the Contract for Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-2, VIII; AL107-4, VIII; AL107-5, VIII and AL107-6, VII CFP Modernization Number: AL09-P107-501-21 at Elba for the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. Diversified General Contractors LLC  
1120 US Hwy 84 East, Opp, AL 36467  
5-26/6-2,9, & 16-chg

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: The Estate of Clifton Carter, Deceased**

Case No. PC 2022-040

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters of Testamentary under the Will of said deceased having been granted to Julie Hughes as Executrix of the Estate of Clifton Carter on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.  
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge  
5/26, 6/2, & 9-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIE RAY CROCKER, Deceased.**

CASE NO: PC-22-039

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters Testamentary were granted the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, to Mary Hodge Crocker as Executrix of the Estate of Willie Ray Crocker, deceased, who departed this life on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.  
**L. Merrill Shirley, Attorney for the Estate of Willie Ray Crocker, Deceased**  
5/26, 6/2, & 9-pd.

Additional  
Public Notices  
on Page 7!



SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our grandson Lawson spent the weekend with us and while he did enjoy playing with his video games, he also brought with him a couple of board games and showed us his skills on a game named Pokémon Monopoly. While I am not big on playing board games, I would much rather he toss the dice and move plastic figures around a board than sit in front of a video screen.*

For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Alabama High School Athletic Association* released its alignments for spring sports last week and while there is less attention in the sports of baseball and softball than there is in the world of football, the new area alignments did create a lot of talk among coaches and fans.

*In baseball*, Elba and Houston County got a great deal of attention in their move to the 1A ranks along with area foes Kinston, Pleasant Home and Florala, while in Class 2A the Zion Chapel Rebels made an unexpected move to area five and while they will finally get away from small school powers Ariton and G.W. Long, they will move into an area that will include former private school power Pike Liberal Arts. New Brockton should continue to be an annual playoff participant as it competes in an area that includes Opp, Daleville and Pike County, and while there may be only four area teams in 4A, are four are very solid teams as Andalusia, Dale County, Geneva and Slocomb will make up the quartet. Class 5A will also have a very talented foursome that includes Charles Henderson, Headland, Rehobeth and Carroll, while up in the 7A ranks Enterprise will be in a five-team region, but really has only two competitors in Dothan and Prattville.

*In softball*, the Elba Lady Tigers will join a completely new area and will compete against Florala, Kinston and Houston County, while Pleasant Home will join the neighboring area and make it a three-team battle along with Brantley and Red Level. In Class 2A, Wicksburg has long been a 3A state softball power, and now appears to be a solid favorite in a four-team group that also includes Cottonwood, Geneva County and Samson, while Providence Christian got a breath of fresh air in an area that includes Ashford, Daleville and Northside Methodist, and Zion Chapel moved into area five, which will include state tourney participant Luverne and longtime private school power Pike Liberal Arts. There are only five teams in the 4A race, but all five teams are very talented as defending 3A state champ Houston Academy will join 4A state runner-up Geneva, final four 4A state tourney finisher Dale County, Andalusia and Slocomb in what has to be one of the toughest areas in the state.

\*\*\* *While the ‘transfer portal’ has become* a daily source of conversation at the college level in all sports, a different form of the so-called portal has found its way into high school athletics, where it looks like school loyalty and pride are just a thing of the past as boys and girls in all sports seem to constantly be looking for new uniforms to put on. Rumors are often unfounded. However, even at a small school like Elba, players have gone to social media to report upcoming changes of scenery. I know parents have the right to send their children to school wherever they wish, but now the sports world has changed at every level and high school athletes are moving more than ever

before. I just hope it’s the children that really wants to move, and not just parents that may think their children will get more publicity or be more appreciated at a new location. I have always said you don’t play for a team just because of the coach and you don’t quit a team just because of the coach. Hopefully the name of the front of the jersey will one day be the main factor in where high school student-athletes choose to play.

\*\*\* *The Southeastern Conference* is holding its annual spring meetings this week and the biggest rumor making the rounds on internet sports sites is that when Texas and Oklahoma join the SEC in 2025 the conference will split with the NCAA and hold its own ‘national championship’ playoffs with just its members taking part. The conference will make a decision on division play this week, with many believing it will go to 4-team pods, while others predict it will just open up the conference and let the teams choose two annual opponents and let the conference fill

in the rest of the conference schedule on a rotating basis. I am all in favor of the SEC pulling out of the NCAA in all sports, making its own rules concerning various sports, and even proclaiming its own national champion every year in all sports. College sports has evolved from just the advancement of a recreational sport into a big business, and the SEC is the chairman of the board.

\*\*\* *In closing....* Another school year is in the books and I would like to thank everyone that helped make it a terrific year for the high school teams in our coverage area. We were lucky to have a group of fans that loved to share their pictures that enabled us to share the photos with our readers, and through an internet service named ‘GameChanger’ we were able to provide coverage of almost every game played in the spring. I have been a part of the local sports scene for almost fifty years, and while the method of reporting has changed, it is better than ever, and keeps me going.

In Elba High sports

New year will bring new challenges

The high school sports season drew to a close recently at the annual state baseball and softball tournaments and for fans across the state that meant it was time to look ahead to next season in all sports.

With the changes made by the AHSAA regarding classifications, the new season will bring with it an entirely new list of rivals in all sports for the Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers.

Elba High moved down to Class 1A based upon student enrollment figures and after being a 2A school the past two seasons will find new rivals on its schedules in all sports as it competes in a total of seven sports.

ELBA TIGERS....

The most noticeable change will occur in football, where the Tigers will compete in a nine-team region and will find eight region opponents on the schedule. Teams in Class 1A, Region 2 will include Brantley, Elba, Kinston, Florala, Georgiana, Houston County, Kinston, McKenzie and Pleasant Home. Houston County is the only opponent that appeared on the Tigers schedule last season, which means their fans will have to buy programs to find out just who their favorite team is playing.

In basketball, the Tigers will compete in Class 1A, Area 2. Teams in the five-team area include Brantley, Elba, Florala, Houston County and Kinston. The Tigers played three of the four area foes last season with little success, while Houston County will be a new face on the schedule.

In baseball, the Tigers will compete in Class 1A, Area 2. Teams in the five-team area include Elba, Florala, Houston County, Kinston and Pleasant Home. The Tigers enjoyed success a year ago against Florala and Kinston, while Houston County and Pleasant Home will bring new faces and new rivalries to the diamond.

In golf, where the Tigers have claimed back-to-back state championships, the Elba golfers will tell it up in Class 1A-2A, Section 1, which includes Bayshore Christian, Brantley, Elba, Geneva County, Highland Home, J.U. Blacksher, Kinston, Leroy, Luverne, Millry, Pike Liberal Arts, Pleasant Home, Samson, St. Luke’s, Washington County and Wicksburg.

ELBA LADY TIGERS....

The Lady Tigers will compete in Class 1A, Area 1 in volleyball. Teams in the area include Elba, Florala, Houston County and Kinston. The Lady Tigers did compete against Florala a year ago, but will have to renew an old rivalry against cross-county rival Kinston, and line up across the net from Houston County for the first time ever.

The Lady Tigers will compete in Class 1A, Area 2 in basketball. Teams in the four-team area include Brantley, Elba, Florala, Houston County and Kinston. The Lady Tigers dominated both Brantley and Kinston last season during regular season play, while Florala has been a 1A power in recent years, and Houston County will be a team that will be new on the schedule.

The Lady Tigers will compete in Class 1A, Area 2 in softball. Teams in the four-team area will include Elba, Florala, Houston County and Kinston. The Lady Tigers have enjoyed recent success against Florala, while Kinston has been a softball power for decades and is an annual state tournament contender, and Houston County will dot the schedule for the first time ever.



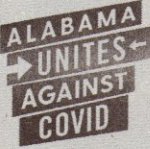
AHSAA releases spring sports alignments for 2022-2024 school years

The Alabama High School Athletic Association released its area alignments for spring sports for the 2022-2024 school years and the new alignments did have an impact on teams in the area.

In baseball, Kinston will be a member of Class 1A, Area 2 and will compete against Elba, Florala, Houston County and Pleasant Home, while there were no changes in Class 1A, Area 3, where Brantley remains in a four-team area along with Georgiana, McKenzie and Red Level. In Class 2A, Area 4, Zion Chapel will compete against newcomer Abbeville, along with longtime rivals Ariton and G.W. Long, while in Class 3A, Area 4 New Brockton will be in a four-team area along with Daleville, Opp and Pike County.

In softball, Kinston will be a member of Class 1A, Area 2, and will join Florala, along with new members Elba and Houston County. In Class 1A, Area 3, Brantley will be in a familiar area with longtime rivals Georgiana, McKenzie and Red Level, but will find a new face in the mix as Pleasant Home joins the group to form a five-team area. In Class 2A, Area 4, Zion Chapel has been moved out of its previous area and will head over to join Goshen, Highland Home, Luverne and Pike Liberal Arts to form a five-team area. In Class 3A, Area 3, New Brockton will stay in place along with Opp and Pike County, and will be joined by former 4A competitor Straughn.

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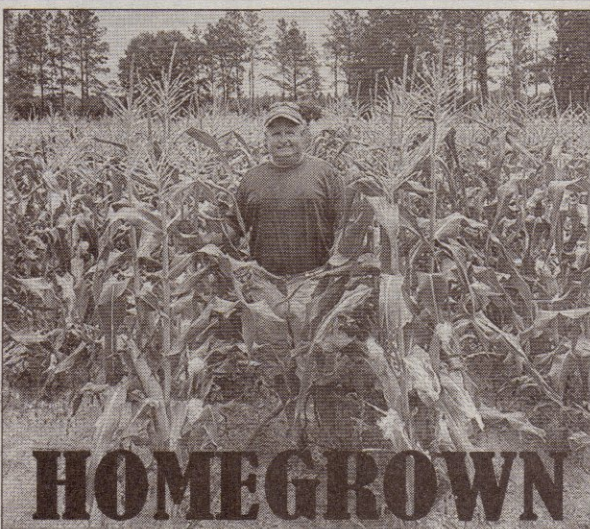


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AHSAA – BOYS SPORTS  
CLASS 1A - 2022-2024

**FOOTBALL** (Class 1A, Region 2)  
Brantley – Elba – Florala – Georgiana – Houston County – Kinston – McKenzie – Pleasant Home – Red Level

**BASKETBALL** (Class 1A, Area 2)  
Brantley – Elba – Florala – Houston County – Kinston

**BASEBALL** (Class 1A, Area 2)  
Elba – Florala – Houston County – Kinston – Pleasant Home

**GOLF** (Class 1A-2A Section 1)  
Bayshore Christian – Brantley – Elba – Geneva County – Highland Home – J.U. Blacksher – Kinston – Leroy – Luverne – Millry – Pike Liberal Arts – Pleasant Home – Samson – St. Luke’s – Washington County – Wicksburg

AHSAA GIRLS SPORTS  
CLASS 1A - 2022-2024

**VOLLEYBALL** (Class 1A, Area 1)  
Elba – Florala – Houston County – Kinston

**BASKETBALL** (Class 1A, Area 2)  
Brantley – Elba – Florala – Houston County – Kinston

**SOFTBALL** (Class 1A, Area 2)  
Elba – Florala – Houston County – Kinston

Elba Parks and Rec to host two Dixie Youth baseball tournaments

The Elba Parks and Recreation is busy this week preparing to host two Dixie Youth baseball District Tournaments. Elba director Greg Hanchey said it is an honor for Elba to be asked to host both district tournaments, and he anticipates lots of visitors coming to the city throughout the duration of the events. He said it should have a positive economic impact for Elba.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**THE ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 HOSTED** Brother Bert Arthur Burril, (Mississippi), Grand Sentinel of the Order of the Eastern Star for the State of Alabama, for Integrity Chapter #575, of Gantt, Ala. This event was Saturday, May 28, from 12 noon until 3 p.m. Those pictured above include: (bottom row, l to r) Worthy Grand Matron Judy Fleischamel, Grand Sentinel Bert Burril, Worthy Grand Patron Wayne Whitt, Grand Conductress Joyce Herndon; (middle row, l to r) Grand Martha Linda Booth, Associate Grand Patron Charles Killough, Grand Ruth Beth Brown, Grand Warder Fred Steiner, Grand Chaplain Dawn Cook; (top row, l to r) Associate Grand Matron Mary Griswold, Associate Grand Conductress Donna McGee, and Grand Adah Theresa Shafer.

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**JUNE 4TH, 2022**

Registration: 8am-10am  
Judging begins at 11am  
Trophy Presentation: 1:30pm

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HOSTED BY THE ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170  
FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT MIKE AMISON AT 334-470-0280

**NOTICE:**  
Anyone age 60 or over needing a meal, or for questions about the Elba Senior Center or SARCOA, call the center at (334) 897-3019.

**WE HAVE  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES:

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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated January 11, 1999, executed by Carla Mixon Davidson and husband, Stephen W. Davidson, to Greenpoint Credit Corp., which mortgage was recorded on January 22, 1999, in OFFREC Book 105, Page 549, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, which mortgage was duly transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as collateral trust trustee of FirstKey Master Funding 2021-A Collateral Trust, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on July 12, 2022, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

of way of Coffee County Road #246; thence South 58 degrees 18 minutes 10 seconds East along the Southwesterly right of way of Coffee County Road #246 167.59 feet to a point; thence South 01 degrees 02 minutes 03 seconds East 841.89 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West 241.29 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being located in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 10, Township 5 North, Range 21 East and containing 5 acres more or less.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Stephens Millirons, P.C. at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon on the second business day following the sale at the law firm of Stephens Millirons, P.C. at 120 Seven Cedars Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802. Stephens Millirons, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest

bidders should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as collateral trust trustee of FirstKey Master Funding 2021-A Collateral Trust Transferee

Robert J. Wermuth/mgw  
Stephens Millirons, P.C.  
P.O. Box 307  
Huntsville, Alabama 35804  
Attorney for Mortgagee

The Elba Clipper  
June 2, 2022, June 9, 2022,  
June 16, 2022

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
NANCY MARY PIPKINS,  
deceased**

CASE NO. PC-2021-046B

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to **Kim Ellis**, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Kim Ellis  
Kim Ellis, Executor

/s/ Joel Lee Williams  
Joel Lee Williams  
Attorney for Estate  
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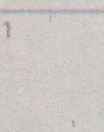

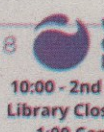
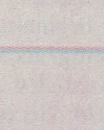

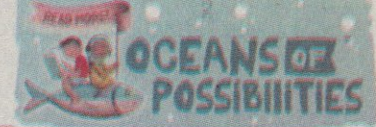
## Hussey named to President's List at WCC for Spring

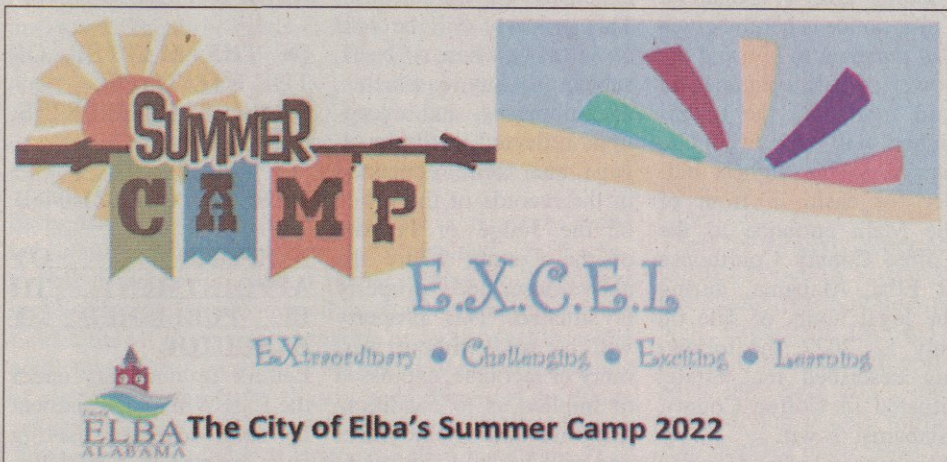
Stown Hussey from Elba, Ala., a graduate of Zion Chapel School, was recently named to the President's List for the Spring 2022 semester at Wallace Community College.

Students named to the President's list must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of college level coursework with a grade point average of 4.0.

## Lifestyles and Church

## News are Due on Mondays!

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 	30  Library Closed	1 	2 	3 10:00 Coffee & Coloring 4:00 Summer Learning Kick-Off Event McWane Center @ The Elba Theater	4 Wheels on the Square 8:00 - 1:30 Downtown Elba Hosted by the Elba Masonic Lodge	
5 	6 10:00 - 5th & 6th grade 2:00 - Kindergarten & 1st grade	7 10:00 - Preschool 5:00 - Teen Time Tues.	8  10:00 - 2nd - 4th grade Library Closes at Noon 1:00 Camp Excel	9 10:00 Coffee & Coloring 4:30 Animal Tales @ The Elba Theater	10	11
12 	13 10:00 - 5th & 6th grade 2:00 - Kindergarten & 1st grade 5:30 - Make It Monday	14 10:00 - Preschool 2:00 - Library Board Meeting 5:00 Teen Time Tues.	15 10:00 - 2nd - 4th grade Library Closes at Noon 1:00 Camp Excel	16 10:00 Coffee & Coloring 4:00 Splash Day @ The Splash Pad	17	18  Celebration
19	20 Library Closed in Observance of JUNETEENTH	21 10:00 - Preschool 10:00 - Book Club A Time to Kill 5:00 Teen Time Tues.	22 10:00 - 2nd - 4th grade Library Closes at Noon 1:00 Camp Excel	23 10:00 Coffee & Coloring	24 4:30 - Bright Star Touring Theatre Group	25
26 Charlotte M. Clark Community Room Dedication 2:00	27 10:00 - 5th & 6th grade 2:00 - Kindergarten & 1st grade	28 10:00 - Preschool 5:00 Teen Time Tues.	29 10:00 - 2nd - 4th grade Library Closes at Noon 1:00 Camp Excel	30 4:00 - Summer Learning Party @ the Library		



## Camp EXCEL to begin June 6th in Elba

The City of Elba will host its annual summer program, Camp EXCEL, again this June.

The camp will be Monday-Thursday June 6 - 30 from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m., and it serves children 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades (2022-2023 school year).

The camp fee is \$40 per child. If a family has more than one child the cost is the \$40 plus \$10 for each additional sibling. Space is limited to 50 children.

Free lunch will be provided by the Elba City Schools Summer Feeding Program.

Camp activities to include character building and leadership, arts and crafts, games, sports, and lots more.

For more information, contact Beverly Daniels-Hamilton, summer camp director, at (334) 447-5084 or email: [excelprojectelba@gmail.com](mailto:excelprojectelba@gmail.com)

Registration applications are available at the Elba Recreation Department or Elba Elementary School.

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## ADPH continues to encourage vaccination against COVID

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) urges the public to not be complacent about COVID-19 and for eligible Alabama residents to get vaccinated and boosted. The percent positivity of COVID-19 tests, the number of cases, and number of hospitalizations are increasing.

Many Alabama residents have not been vaccinated, even though COVID-19 still poses risks and there may be surges again as the virus continues to mutate and evolve. Nearly 3,000 Alabamians have died from COVID-19 in 2022, and in just the past seven days 2,759 tests have been positive for COVID-19, a 10.3 percent positivity.

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said, "Plenty of COVID-19 vaccine is available, and I encourage people to make sure you're protected. We are not an overly vaccinated state, and immunity wanes over time, especially for certain groups of people."

Everyone in the United States age 5 years and older

## CC Conservation District meeting set for June 16th

The Coffee County Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, June 16, at the Coffee County Extension Office, 1055 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL 36351. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m.

There are a limited to the number of people that can be in the room so if anyone planning to attend, should call 334-894-5581X3.

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assistance to help producers plan and implement conservation practices, including those that work well for organic operations, such as pest management and mulching. Meanwhile, FSA offers cost-share for certification costs and other fees.

## Other CRP Options

Participants can also choose to enroll all or part of their expiring acres into the Continuous CRP signup for 2022. Important conservation benefits may still be achieved by re-enrolling sensitive acres such as buffers or wetlands. Expiring water quality practices such as filter strips, grass waterways, and riparian buffers may be eligible to be reenrolled under the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR) and CLEAR 30 options under CRP. Additionally, expiring continuous CRP practices such as shelterbelts, field windbreaks, and other buffer practices may also be re-enrolled to provide benefits for organic farming operations.

If producers are not planning to farm the land from their expiring CRP contract, the Transition Incentives

second booster shot using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. The CDC urges older Americans to increase their protection against the virus, particularly people age 70 and older.

To find a COVID-19 vaccine clinic near you, text your zip code to 438829 or visit [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov). All county health departments offer COVID-19 vaccine at no charge for ages 5 and older. General COVID-19 questions may be answered by calling 1-800-270-7268 or e-mailing [covid19info@adph.state.al.us](mailto:covid19info@adph.state.al.us). Telephone calls are answered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interpreters are available.

Program (TIP) may also provide them two additional annual rental payments after their contract expires on the condition that they sell or rent their land to a beginning or veteran farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group.

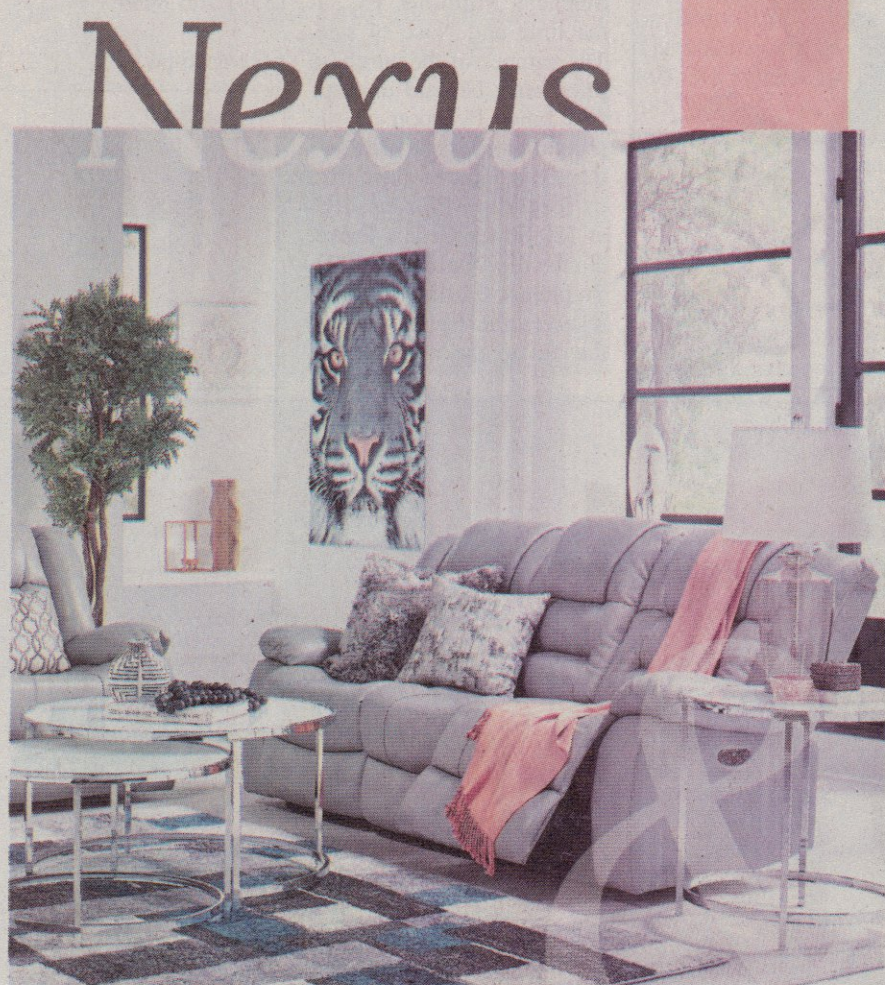
Producers interested in the Continuous CRP sign-up, CLEAR 30, or TIP should contact FSA by Aug. 5, 2022.

## NRCS Conservation Programs

USDA also encourages producers to consider NRCS conservation programs, which help producers integrate conservation on croplands, grazing lands and other agricultural landscapes. EQIP and CSP can help producers plant cover crops, manage nutrients and improve irrigation and grazing systems. Additionally, the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), or state or private easement programs, may be such an option. In many cases, a combination of approaches can be taken on the same parcel. For example, riparian areas or other sensitive parts of a parcel may be enrolled in continuous CRP and the remaining land that is returned to farming can participate in CSP or EQIP and may be eligible to receive additional ranking points.

## Other Flexibilities to Support Conservation

Additionally, NRCS is also offering a new flexibility for EQIP and CSP participants who have cover cropping including in their existing contracts. NRCS will allow participants to either modify their plans to plant a cover crop (and instead shift to a conservation crop rotation) or delay their cover crop plans a year, without needing to terminate the existing contract. This will allow for flexibility to respond to market signals while still ensuring the conservation benefits through NRCS financial and technical assistance for participating producers.



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